

Town Topics

Fun for All at Pakistan Party

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BIRD CALLS and goat bleats had guests in hysterics yesterday at a reception given by the Pakistan Ambassador, Syed Ali.

Pakistan's famous ventriloquist, Altaf Niazi, made a big hit with his impersonations of the animal world at the party celebrating Pakistan's eighth anniversary of independence.

But that wasn't all. Before guests filed into the drawing room for entertainment, they sampled a lavish Pakistani buffet—one table was set in the dining room, the other outdoors under a canopy in the garden.

Ambassador Ali, wearing on his head a "Pugree," a Pakistani turban, received at least 500 people between the hours of 6:30 and 9 p. m. for cocktails, dinner and an exotic floor show.

SECRETARY OF STATE and Mrs. John Foster Dulles came for cocktails but were off before the buffet opened. Chatting with Mrs. Dulles was the Ambassador's daughter, Talat Ali, wearing a beautiful sari of pink and silver. The British Ambassador, Sir Roger Makins, walked in and shook hands with Senora de Izaguirre, wife of the Honduran Ambassador, Senora de Andrade, wife of the Bolivian Ambassador, and Bill and Ellen Lee.

In the dining room guests lined up for a hefty dinner of "Pullo," a rice and meat dish, lobster salad, chicken curry and large platters of roast beef and veal.

Going around the table were the Cuban Ambassador, Miguel Campa; the Chinese Ambassador, Wellington Koo; the Indian Ambassador

and Mme. Mehta, and the Ambassador of Vietnam, Tran Van Chuong. Mme. Chuong, in native dress, said she's been very busy fixing up the new Vietnamese Embassy (it used to be the Swedish Embassy) since their move 11 days ago.

ON THE DOT of 8:30 Ambassador Ali clapped his hand for silence and the fun began. After Mr. Niazi made bird's voices appear to come out of evening purses, native dances took the spotlight.

Introduced as "the smallest fry" there, eight-year-old Shehla Akhtar, daughter of Second Secretary and Begum Akhtar, performed a remarkably graceful version of a traditional Pakistani dance.

After the applause for Shehla died down four Pakistani ladies did a Harvest Dance, followed by Western violin music played by Imdad Husain, a Pakistan foreign service student.

In the audience grouped around the room were the Ceylonese Ambassador, R. S. S. Gunewardene, the new Pakistan Minister, Rehman Khan; Begum S. G. Khaliq, wife of the Cultural Counselor; Federal Communications Supply Commissioner and Mrs. Clifton E. Mack, the new Saudi Arabian Ambassador, Abdullah Al-Khayall; Deputy Chief of Protocol and Mrs. Victor Purse, Rosalind Morgan, Tim Guinness, Vice Adm. and Mrs. Geoffrey Barnard, Capt. Floyd Ferris and his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ross de Matteo of New York, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Estabrook, Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, Lt. Gen. Charles Cabell and Mrs. Cabell, and the Indian Minister, J. K. Atal.